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In re Application of:  
Rama Ranganathan et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED MARCH 6, 2002 AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2002, for which the three-month date for response was June 6, 2002. A petition for a two-month extension of time, along with the corresponding process fee, is included with this paper. The granting of this petition will bring the due date for this response to August 6, 2002.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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